

Chelmsford

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My dear friend

Though uncertain if this will reach thee by our valued Phillips's or by some other means of our dear Elizabeth Pease I seize a few minutes, hoping it may reach her in time for enclosing with hers, to express my gratitude at thy too short letter snatched and doubtless was from varied pressing cares - I am glad of the encouraging letters to her from L. Mott & others from them I gather however from your journals that my brother John has not thought fit to follow the example of his Divine Lord who went & dined with publicans & sinners who came not to eat, the righteous but sinners to repentance we think he should not have denied himself this opportunity of good as they solicited, too & the orthodox party rather suffered than sought & their conduct by your papers was very pitiful; than wouldst have been pleased with the answers of our yearly meeting to the fulsome address of one of their concubines, pro-slavery essence! abolitionists had hurt the cause very much retarded it for years & they could not associate with

them! They had not seen the way clear to doing  
thing themselves! our people returned  
encouragement for them to seek association  
I am very sorry it so happened that you did not  
come to England though rejoicing at the cause  
I hope your pen will not be dormant on  
this great question of setting the world  
right on the duties of women; to say nothing  
of capabilities equality or superiority  
or claim of battle-field which though all  
true are not in my mature judgment  
the right arguments it is that we were  
created the Almighty said, to be a help,  
meet for man & since the fall  
it has been the work of man's  
adversary the devil to mar  
the work of creation & to separ-  
ate him from his mischievous  
preventing partner —

How many things I have  
to say but my little wisdom  
sister compels me to defer it  
to a more leisure moment as

The sun is going down  
if thou do not receive a letter from me  
Soon will thou favour me with one by  
return of my brother & sister

With kindest love

Thy friend

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